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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Lyndon Baines Johnson Library

1. On 2 July 1968 the Director called a meeting with Admiral Taylor, Tom Karamessines, Cord Meyer, John Bross, Bob Bannerman, Ed Proctor, Dick Lehman, Drex Godfrey, and me to discuss the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, which is now under construction in Austin, Texas. The Director lunched at the White House yesterday with Peter Jessup and Matthew Nimitz, who has been charged by the President with obtaining the contributions of the various agencies. The Director wants to ensure that we put our best foot forward. In addition to the contribution of specific documents and the listing of other documents as we did for the Kennedy Library, I understand that the Director wants to prepare a history of Agency activities in which the President was particularly interested during his Administration. He thinks we should go into the role of SIG, the IRGs, USIB, USIB subcommittees, our involvement in State policy papers, etc. The Katzenbach report should also be included.

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2. The immediate problem at hand was to find someone to spearhead the Agency effort. We decided that [] should do this, and the Director said that he will meet with [] and will arrange for [] to talk with Mr. Nimitz this Friday. It was generally agreed that several other people will have to work closely with [] in this effort. Jim Featherstone and [] were suggested from DD/I, and Howard Hunt and [] were suggested from DD/P. Admiral Taylor suggested that Walter Pforzheimer could probably make a worthwhile contribution, particularly in advising [] what has been in the public domain. [] as the Agency Records Officer as well as Phil Edwards and the entire Historical Staff have a contribution to make. (Immediately after the meeting I advised [] of the foregoing and asked him to come to see me after he has seen the Director.)

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3. The Director then asked what we should do to retrieve all the documents now at the White House. No one had an answer. He requested

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that Howard Osborn call on [] to see what documents are involved and what can be done to recover them or to ensure that they are properly safeguarded. The Director realizes that this will solve only part of the problem and intends to talk personally with Marvin Watson and Jimmy Jones. A question was raised about the copies of 303 papers which are sent to Defense and State. The Director said that these papers should be destroyed after ninety days, although he doubts whether this is actually done. It was suggested that Howard Osborn could ask the members of USIB for a destruction report. (Hopefully they will not ask us for one.)

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